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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The land acquisition work in the districts is attended to by the District Welfare Officers. A Provincial (State) Officer proposed by the Committee could at best co-ordinate the work of the district officers and it was considered that the Director of Harijan Welfare could himself attend to this work without the need for a special officer for land acquisition work."

Advances granted under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme.

* 164 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why Government treat ex-servicemen and the I.N.A. personnel under different categories in the matter of granting advances to them under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme;

(*b*) whether the I.N.A. colonists of Wynaad are ordered to refund the advance amounts given to them; and

(*c*) if so, what is the reason?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Colonists belonging to the categories of ex-servicemen and ex-I.N.A. personnel who went over from the Indian Armed Forces are not treated differently in the matter of grant of financial assistance. But ex-I.N.A. personnel recruited from civilians outside India are not eligible for grant from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund under the rules governing the administration of that fund and these persons are treated differently from ex-servicemen.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Such of the ex-I.N.A. colonists as were recruited from civilians outside India have to refund the advances paid to them from the State Fund, commencing from the sixth year of their settlement, as they are not eligible for free grants from the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund."

Acquisition of lands for Harijans.

* 165 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the acquisition of land for the Muthyalapalam Harijans of Nellore town has been pending;

(*b*) whether a notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act was published in the matter and was subsequently withdrawn; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?